

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Claim 67 has been amended. All amendments are made without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute any cancelled, non-elected, or otherwise unclaimed subject matter in a subsequently filed continuation, divisional, or other application. These amendments do not add any new matter and are supported by the originally filed application. Consideration and entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 67 and 69 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 01/47959 ('959 application). At page 4, the Office Action states that the "species of claims 67 and 69 wherein the peptide is selected from one of SEQ ID NOS: 8, 9, 11, and 12 are also novel and unobvious over the prior art of record or any combination thereof." Claim 67, upon which claim 69 depends, has been amended to list only SEQ ID NOS.: 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12. Applicants believe this amendment places the claims in condition for allowance, and respectfully withdrawal of the rejections.

CONCLUSIONS

Consideration and entry of this Statement and attachments is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the application is in order and the claims are allowable. As such, it is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued as soon as possible. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned if it is believe doing so would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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